

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Official Action, the Examiner sets forth a Restriction Requirement asserting that the claims in this application fall into two classes. Claims 1-17, 19-25, and 27-28 are identified as belonging to Class I, whereas Claims 18 and 26 are identified as belonging to Class II.

The Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, namely Claims 1-17, 19-25, and 27-28 for examination in this application.

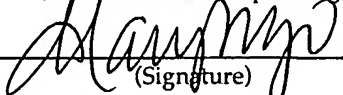
An action on the merits of this application is awaited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 08-2025. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, then the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 08-2025.

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